

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method of forming a display panel comprising the step of coating an opaque support layer with at least one image carrying layer, the support layer providing stiffness to the panel.
2. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the at least one image carrying layer is an emulsion layer.
3. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the at least one image carrying layer is an ink receiving layer.
4. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the support layer is formed of a plastics material.
5. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the support layer is formed of aluminum.
6. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the opaque support layer is pre-coated with a gel coat.
7. A method as claimed in claim 1 including a further step of coating the at least one image carrying layer with a waterproof overcoat.
8. A display panel comprising an opaque support layer coated with at least one image carrying layer, the support layer providing stiffness to the panel.
9. A panel as claimed in claim 8 wherein the at least one image carrying layer is an emulsion layer.
10. A panel as claimed in claim 8 wherein the at least one image carrying layer is an ink receiving layer.

11. A panel as claimed in claim 8 wherein the support layer is a plastics material.
12. A panel as claimed in claim 8 wherein the support layer is aluminum.
13. A panel as claimed in claim 8 wherein a gel coat is provided between the support layer and the at least one image carrying layer.
14. A panel as claimed in claim 8 including a waterproof overcoat coated onto the at least one image carrying layer.